



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24,
2012**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Carol Suter
Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore
Councilman Barry McCullough
Councilman Brian Hill
Councilman Bill Garnos

City Manager Kirk Davis
Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson
City Counselor Randall Thompson
City Clerk Cathy Swenson

Item 2. on the Agenda. ROLL CALL.

Mayor Carol Suter opened the Regular September 24, 2012, City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in the Gladstone City Council Chambers, and noted that all City Council members were present. Mayor Suter welcomed everyone who joined the meeting in person and on-line, via the live streaming of the Gladstone City Council meeting. Mayor Suter thanked everyone for their interest in their municipal government.

Item 3. on the Agenda. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Carol Suter introduced Boy Scouts from Troop 303, sponsored by King of Kings Lutheran Church, as follows: Carson Pfaff, Kanoe Newell, and Scout Leader Henry Creagh. The Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance, in which all joined.

Mayor Suter moved to Items Number 5. and 6. on the agenda for Proclamation presentations, following which, the remaining items on the agenda were addressed.

Item 5. on the Agenda. PROCLAMATION: Designating October 7-13, 2012, as “**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**” in Gladstone, Missouri.

Mayor Suter read and presented the **PROCLAMATION** designating October 7-13, 2012, as “**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**” in Gladstone, Missouri to Fire Inspector Charles Duddy.

Fire Inspector Duddy thanked the Mayor and City Council, and said that the City of Gladstone is great in supporting the fire prevention effort. We have the greatest fire department in the nation. Fire Inspector Duddy said he talks to firefighters around the country, and he would put Gladstone's department up against any of them.

The presentation was followed with applause from the audience.

Item 6. on the Agenda. **PROCLAMATION:** recognizing October as “**NATIONAL CODES ENFORCEMENT MONTH**” and the important role Code Compliance Officers play in our Community.

Mayor Suter read and presented the **PROCLAMATION** recognizing October as “**NATIONAL CODES ENFORCEMENT MONTH**” and the important role Code Compliance Officers play in our Community to Building Official Alan Napoli, who thanked the Mayor and City Council.

The presentation was followed with applause from the audience.

Item 4. on the Agenda. **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2012, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.**

Councilman Barry McCullough moved to approve the **September 10, 2012, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** as presented. Councilman Brian Hill seconded. The vote: “Aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilman Barry McCullough, and Mayor Carol Suter. “Abstain” – Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore. (4-0-1)

Note: Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore abstained from the vote to approve the September 10, 2012, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, as she was absent from that meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 7. on the Agenda. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.**

There were no comments from the audience.

Item 8. on the Agenda. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.**

Councilman Bill Garnos invited everyone to the open house for the North Oak Corridor Study, which would be held, Thursday, October 4, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the Harmony Vineyard Church. This open house is for any citizens who would like to find out more about the study, and who has an interest in the North Oak corridor. Councilman Garnos encouraged everyone to attend, and stated that public participation was being encouraged.

Councilman Garnos stated it had been a difficult and troubling week for a lot of folks in Gladstone, and stated he wished to express his personal sympathy to the Mashburn family for the tragedy last week. Councilman Garnos thanked Public Safety Director Michael Hasty and everyone in his department for all of their hard work in the last week, and for their

professionalism. Councilman Garnos also thanked the Kansas City Metro Squad for their assistance.

Councilman Brian Hill stated he wished to echo the comments made by Councilman Garnos in regard to expressing sympathy and appreciation related to last week's occurrence. Councilman Hill said he wished to also include the rest of City staff, who, although, are not in Public Safety, did play an important role. It was an unfortunate event, but he was glad that someone was in custody.

Councilman Barry McCullough stated it has all been said, and he had nothing more to add at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore stated she agreed with Councilman McCullough; however, appropriate to Codes Enforcement Month, she had someone stop her the other day, who said she wanted to tell her about Carole (Community Development Secretary Carole McGuire) in the Codes Enforcement, and stated that she is the best. The person suggested that if there were a way to recognize her, that needs to be done. Mayor Pro Tem Moore suggested the person write a note to the Department, and it would get to her, which was important. Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated from the Minutes of the last City Council meeting, she understood several positive comments were made about City staff, and she wished to add that when we have a tragedy, or just conducting business, she believes the City staff is beyond outstanding, and we cannot offer enough kudos for everyone's good work.

Mayor Carol Suter stated she wished to echo the sentiments from the rest of the City Council, and, also, on behalf of the City Council, she invited Public Safety Director Hasty to provide an update on the murder that took place this past week.

Public Safety Director Michael Hasty began by reporting that early in the morning of September 19, Kevin Mashburn, an employee of AT&T was working his usual midnight shift in the Kendallwood area, when it appeared that someone tried to rob him of his wallet. He was assaulted and suffered severe injuries from that assault. Director Hasty said our Public Safety Department was notified of this incident when Mr. Mashburn sent a message through his mobile data terminal to his office. Public Safety responded to the area, along with Fire and EMS personnel. Mr. Mashburn was located and treatment was provided, but unfortunately, Mr. Mashburn died from his injuries. Due to the nature of the crime and the seriousness of the offense, all resources were marshaled within the Department. Director Hasty said he also requested the services of the Metro Squad. This very important part of the Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriff's Association provides resources that ordinarily would not be available to us in such a short time frame. Twelve detectives plus staff officers from various agencies from both Missouri and Kansas came to assist our Department.

Director Hasty thanked the City staff in City Hall, because on such short notice they accommodated the Metro Squad, who used the conference rooms for the remainder of the week, and through the weekend. It could not have been done without their help and support, which is very much appreciated. Director Hasty said the Metro Squad met at 1:00 that afternoon, where our staff gave them a briefing of what had occurred and what had been done so far. The crime

scene was still being processed for evidence. We enlisted the services of the Kansas City Police Department Crime Lab, and the detectives then began following leads. During the course of the investigation, nearly 1,000 man-hours were expended, and nearly 70 leads were followed. The break in the case came when a tip was received through our dispatchers. Director Hasty said we were able to follow through on the tip, and one thing led to another, and as these things often do, things began to unfold on Saturday. An arrest was made Saturday night in Kansas City. Our department put out broadcasts to locate the individual who was believed to be responsible for the crime, and he was located in the northeast area of Kansas City. He was brought here and questioned, and was ultimately transferred to the Clay County jail. The investigation continued and leads were followed, and evidence was continued to be put together. As of last night, within 24 hours of the individual's arrest, the Clay County prosecutor issued a warrant for his arrest, charging him with murder in the first degree, armed criminal action, and attempted first degree robbery. The Metro Squad disbanded as of this morning; however, we will probably still receive help from our neighbors, as there are still a number of questions to be answered, and a number of things that need to be put together.

Mayor Suter offered the Council's appreciation and respect for the great job our Public Safety Department does. Our Fire Department can stand up to any, and so can our Police and Detective Squad. Mayor Suter said the City Council appreciates the professionalism in the every day conduct of our Public Safety Department's duty, and she was really impressed with the officers who were interviewed by the Media. She caught several different interviews, and was very proud of how articulate our officers were, and how they expressed the facts appropriately and without overstating or sensationalizing. Mayor Suter said she felt our officers were very professional in representing our City. Mayor Suter said she appreciated this very much.

Mayor Suter reminded everyone that Gladfest is coming up the first weekend in October. It is being a bit reconfigured due to the construction going on, but it will go on as usual, and everyone is looking forward to a good time. Gladfest opens on Friday evening, with a parade on Saturday morning, and the festival continues through Sunday.

Item 9. on the Agenda. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER.

City Manager Kirk Davis welcomed Nancy Rigdon from the Gladstone Dispatch, who will now be covering Gladstone. Staff looks forward to working with her, and answering any questions she might have at any point in time.

City Manager Davis stated that Parks and Recreation Director Sheila Lillis was not present this evening, as she broke her foot while giving a tour of the Community Center, and had some surgery last week.

City Manager Davis reported that the October 8, 2012, regularly scheduled Council meeting, will not be held. It follows Gladfest, and right now there are no agenda items for that meeting. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be October 22, 2012.

Item 10. on the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-12-95, authorizing execution of agreements between the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority to

provide public transportation for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and for transit shelter cleaning and maintenance at 72nd and North Prospect Streets and 70th Street and North Oak Trafficway.

Councilman Barry McCullough moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-95**, authorizing execution of agreements between the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority to provide public transportation for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and for transit shelter cleaning and maintenance at 72nd and North Prospect Streets and 70th Street and North Oak Trafficway. Councilman Brian Hill seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilman Barry McCullough, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

Item 11. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-12-96**, authorizing acceptance of work under contract with David E. Ross Construction Company, Incorporated, for the Filter and Clarifier Improvements Project; and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$30,811.17.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-96**, authorizing acceptance of work under contract with David E. Ross Construction Company, Incorporated, for the Filter and Clarifier Improvements Project; and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$30,811.17. Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilman Barry McCullough, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

Item 12. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-12-97**, amending the 2013 Annual General Fund, and the Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Fund Budget for the City of Gladstone, Missouri and authorizing expenditures of funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-97**, amending the 2013 Annual General Fund, and the Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Fund Budget for the City of Gladstone, Missouri and authorizing expenditures of funds. Councilman Bill Garnos seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilman Barry McCullough, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

Item 13. on the Agenda. **BUILDING PERMIT:** for the construction of an enclosed Mausoleum to be attached to the existing Mausoleum on property located at 6600 North Antioch Road, commonly known as White Chapel Funeral Home. Applicant: Stewart Resource Center. Owner: D.W. Newcomer’s Sons, Inc.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to approve the **BUILDING PERMIT** for the construction of an enclosed Mausoleum to be attached to the existing Mausoleum on property located at 6600 North Antioch Road, commonly known as White Chapel Funeral Home. Applicant: Stewart Resource Center. Owner: D.W. Newcomer’s Sons, Inc. Councilman Barry McCullough seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilman Barry McCullough, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

Item 14. on the Agenda. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore moved to approve the **AUGUST 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT**. Councilman Brian Hill seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilman Barry McCullough, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

Item 15. on the Agenda. OTHER BUSINESS.

There was no other business.

Item 16. on the Agenda. QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA.

There were no questions from the News Media.

Mayor Suter thanked Ms. Rigdon for being at this meeting, and for the Gladstone Dispatch covering the news in Gladstone.

Item 17. on the Agenda. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the September 24, 2012, Gladstone Regular City Council Meeting, Mayor Carol Suter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Swenson, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: ____
Approved as corrected/amended: ____

Mayor Carol Suter